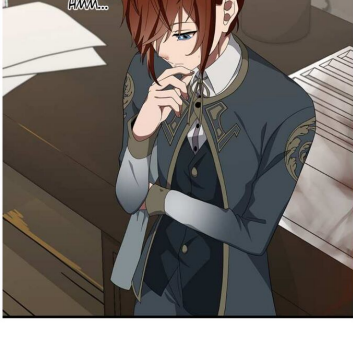
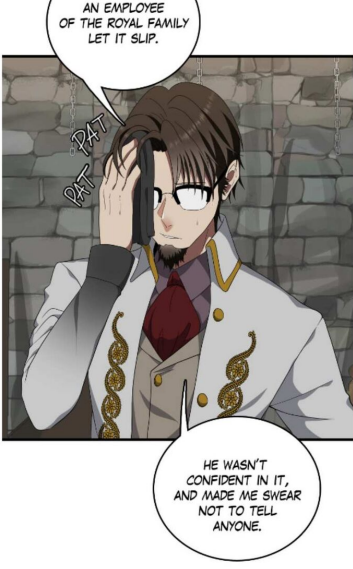
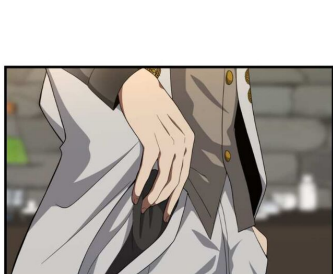
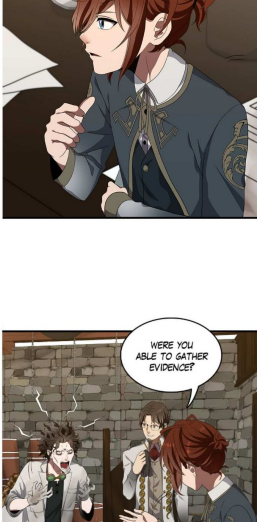




HOW ARE YOU SO CERTAIN THAT THERE'S ANOTHER CONTINENT?

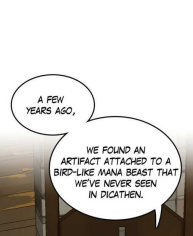
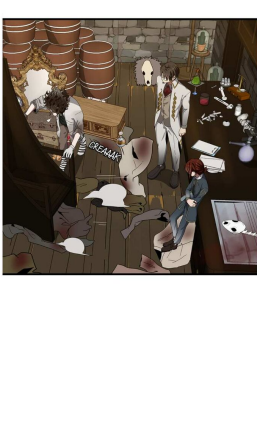


WERE YOU ABLE TO GATHER EVIDENCE?



OF COURSE WE'VE GATHERED EVIDENCE!

WHAT SORT OF HALF-WIT CROCKPOT SCIENTIST WOULD SAY SOMETHING LIKE THIS WITHOUT EVIDENCE!



A FEW YEARS AGO,

WE FOUND AN ARTIFACT ATTACHED TO A BIRD-LIKE MANA BEAST THAT WE'VE NEVER SEEN IN DICATHEN.

IT HAD THE ABILITY TO CAMOUFLAGE ALMOST COMPLETELY AGAINST ITS SURROUNDINGS.



A MANA BEAST CAPABLE OF CAMOUFLAGE AND FLIGHT?

HOW IN THE WORLD DID YOU GUYS EVEN CATCH IT THEN?



BY SHEER DUMB LUCK.



SOME TWO-BIT ADVENTURER MISSED A GLIDING SQUIRREL AND ACCIDENTALLY SHOT THE BIRD DOWN.

ANYWAY, ATTACHED TO IT WAS AN ARTIFACT SO COMPLEX THAT I WAS BARELY ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IT DID LAST YEAR,

WHICH CONFIRMED EVERYTHING.



WHAT DID THE ARTIFACT DO?



YOU REALIZE THAT THE ONLY OTHER PEOPLE THAT HAVE CLEARANCE FOR THIS INFORMATION ARE THE ROYAL FAMILIES, RIGHT?



THEN I GUESS THE DESIGN ON THIS BLUEPRINT ARE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT SINCE NOT EVEN THE ROYAL FAMILIES KNOW THIS.

IMMEDIATELY

THE ARTIFACT WAS ABLE TO RECORD AND STORE MOVING IMAGES.



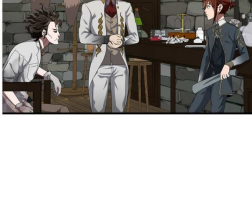
AH... SO EVEN THE GREAT GIDEON CAN'T DO ANYTHING AGAINST ARTHUR.

IS THAT IT?



THIS LITTLE...

THAT REALLY DOES PROVE IT!



I'M NOT FOLLOWING.



HOW DOES THAT PROVE ANYTHING?

ISN'T IT POSSIBLE THAT IT WAS MADE BY SOME UNKNOWN ARTIFICER IN DICATHEN?

I MENTIONED BEFORE THAT I'D BE INTRODUCING YOU TO ONE OF THE MOST ACCOMPLISHED ARTIFICERS AND INVENTORS I KNEW,



BUT...

MASTER GIDEON IS BEYOND JUST ACCOMPLISHED.



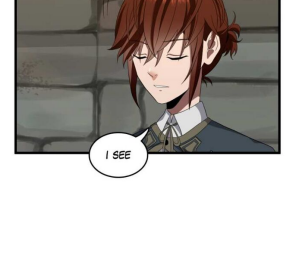
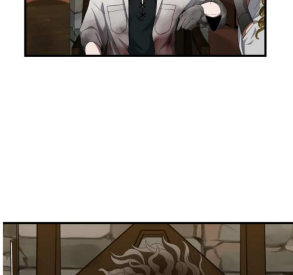
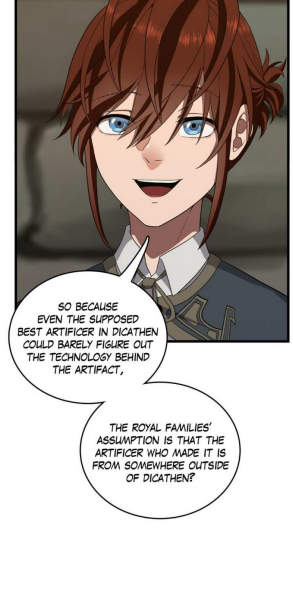
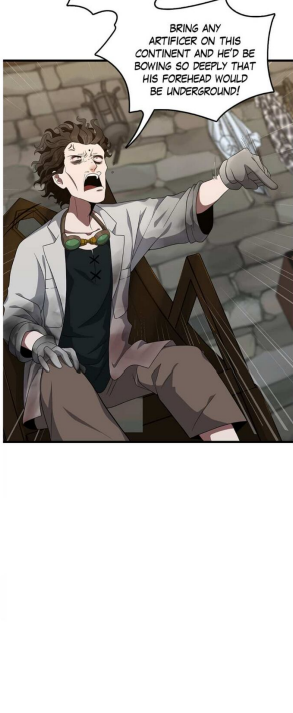
HE'S THE GREATEST ARTIFICER BY FAR IN THE HISTORY OF DICATHEN.

IS HE REALLY?



POKE

THAT HURTS!





THE BEGINNING AFTER THE END

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TURTLEME

ART BY
FUYUKI23

PRESENTED BY
TAPAS MEDIA

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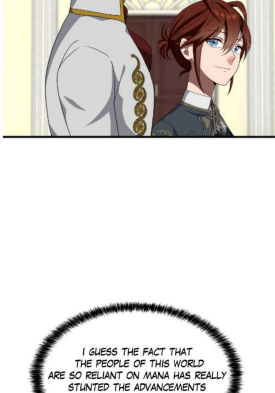


I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT OLD GROUCH GIDEON SO EXCITED BEFORE IN MY LIFE.



GIDEON SAYS YOUR IDEA IS INGENIOUS,

BUT I STILL CAN'T PICTURE HOW STEAM COULD PRODUCE ENERGY POWERFUL ENOUGH TO MOVE A LARGE SHIP FOR SUCH LONG DISTANCES.



I GUESS THE FACT THAT THE PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD ARE SO RELIANT ON MANA HAS REALLY STUNTED THE ADVANCEMENTS OF NON-MAGICAL TECHNOLOGY.



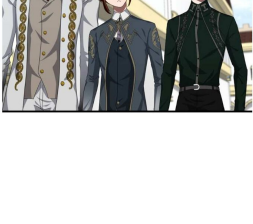
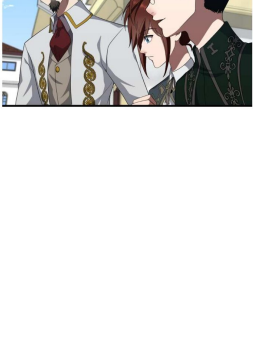
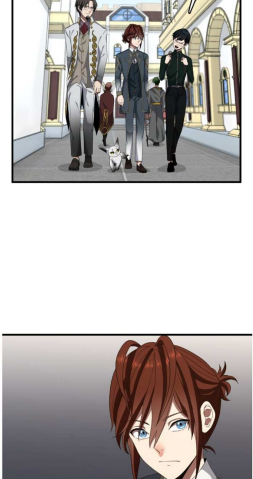
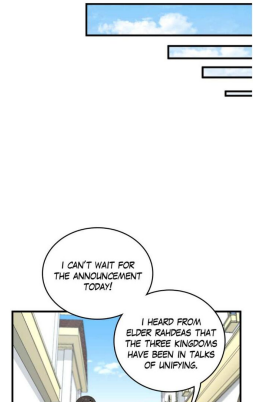
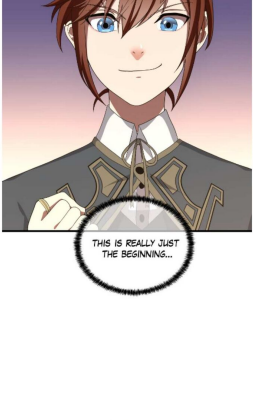
WHAT AMAZES ME EVEN MORE THOUGH IS THAT YOUR PARENTS DON'T MAKE A BIGGER DEAL OUT OF ALL THE THINGS YOU'RE CAPABLE OF.

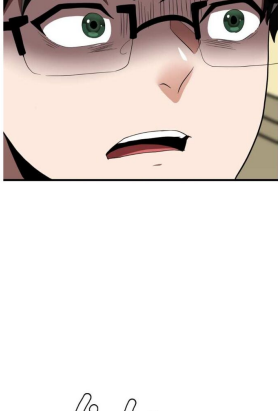
IF I WERE YOUR DAD, BLAH BLAH BLAH



BUT TO THINK THAT THERE MIGHT REALLY BE A CONTINENT OUTSIDE OF DICATHEN...



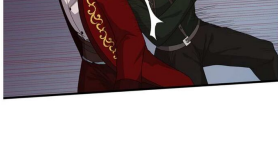
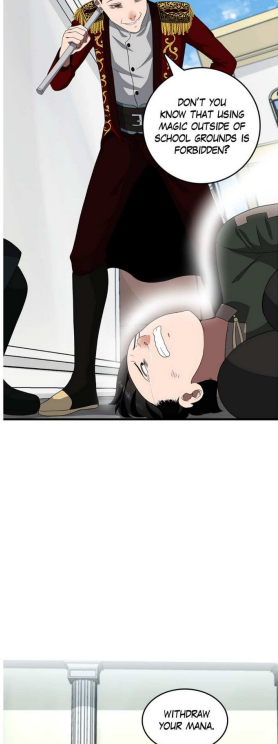


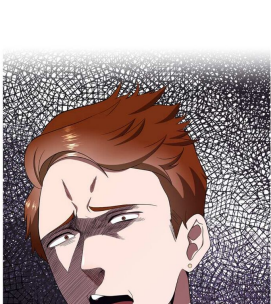
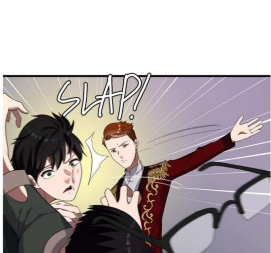
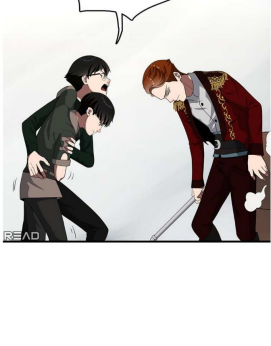
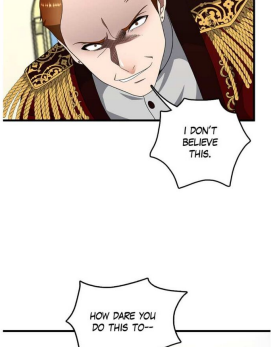
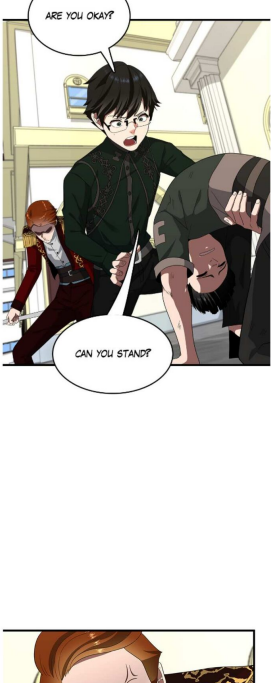


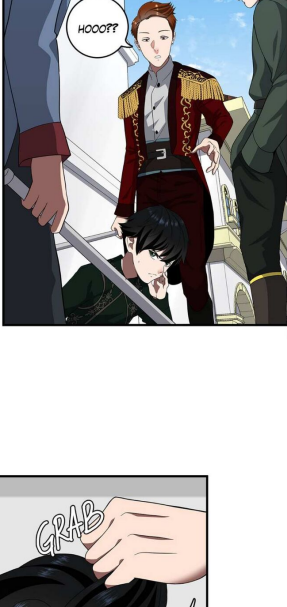
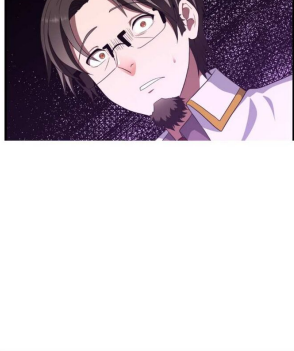
DIDN'T DO ANYTHING?

IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT THERE ARE DWARVES IN XYRUS ACADEMY NOW,

BUT YOU DARE TO GO AGAINST SCHOOL RULES?









I'LL MAKE SURE
YOU GUYS SHARE
A HOSPITAL ROOM
TOGETHER SO
YOU TWO CAN--

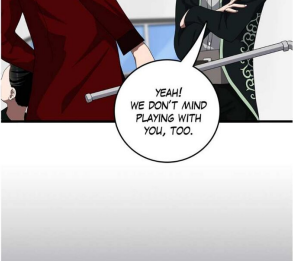
SNAP!

HAH?



READ

ANOTHER PEASANT,
HUH? BUZZ OFF IF YOU
DON'T WANT TO JOIN
THESE TWO!

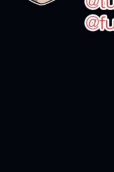


YEAH!
WE DON'T MIND
PLAYING WITH
YOU, TOO.

GOOD.



BECAUSE
I'D LIKE TO PLAY
AS WELL.



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